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Grants Awarded for Watershed and Forest Health in Magalia

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Butte County Fire Safe Council and Paradise Irrigation District have successfully partnered on three grant applications which were recently awarded to improve watershed and forest health in Magalia on Paradise Irrigation District Lands (PID).

The three grant projects will reduce wildfire threat by thinning small overstocked trees and brush. These projects link to four existing shaded fuel break/forest health projects. Partners have included US Forest Service Plumas National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and Cal-Fire.

"It has taken at least 5 years of planning to design and apply for these project grants." Says Calli-Jane Burch, Executive Director.

The three grants awarded come from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy funding \$84,000, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection funding \$23,950 and US Forest Service \$75,000 for a total of \$182,950.

"These grants will protect water quality for Paradise residents for years to come, we want residents to understand that PID is committed to being an active and good steward of our drinking water and the forest it comes from" Says George Barber, Manager of Paradise Irrigation District.